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GENTLEMEN *and* LADIES,

IT is by your bountiful aſſiſtance we are enabled to lay before your impartial and candid eye, the Firſt Number of the AMERICAN MONITOR, &c. a Work, which we truſt, bids fair to be of publick utility, however diffident we may conceive ourſelves to be as to our ability to undertake ſo arduous a taſk; but humbly hope, with the kind aſſiſtance of many reſpectable Gentlemen who have promiſed us their aid, to give general ſatisfaction to our kind Readers: More eſpecially as we ſhall, in the courſe of our publications, make it our conſtant ſtudy at all times to promote COMMERCE, in its fulleſt extent, whoſe ſmiling aſpect and numerous attendant train of bleſſings hath already diffuſed themſelves, and ſpread ſuch a ſhining luſtre over theſe United and Independant States of AMERICA: And we ſhall, on every occaſion, chearfully communicate to the Publick through the channel of our MAGAZINE, all the lateſt Mercantile Intelligence, &c. that we may at any time be favoured with from our Friends and Correſpondents in the different Kingdoms and States in the EUROPEAN WORLD; and likewiſe ſhall inſert the Commercial Proceedings of every Trading Town throughout the United States in general, but of BOSTON and other Sea-Port Towns in this Commonwealth in particular: Yet, while we attend to the welfare and proſperity of the enterpriſing MERCHANT, we ſhall not let any thing eſcape our notice, that may have the leaſt tendency to ſerve the intereſt of the honeſt and induſtrious HUSBANDMAN, by whoſe indefatigable toil the rugged paths of this once inhoſpitable wilderneſs, (not long ſince the dreary haunt of ſavage-beaſts and ſtill more Savage-Men) are now changed, by the induſtrious hand of cultivation, into delectable Plains, and become the peaceful habitations for millions of united CHRISTIAN BRETHREN.

The Advantages, in ſhort, that muſt naturally reſult from a Publication of this kind to the PUBLICK in general, but to the TRADING PART of the Community in particular, are ſo many and great, that little need be ſaid in favour of ſuch a Deſign; therefore, a panegyrick on the ſubject

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may, perhaps, be thought needleſs, and ſavour too much of oſtentation.

We feel the higheſt ſelicity in living under a Government where we enjoy one of the beſt of *Privileges*, and where, (thanks to our mild, happy and glorious CONSTITUTION) the LIBERTY OF OUR PRESS is unlimited: But as faction, ſcurrility or perſonal invective, are very far from being characteriſtical of true Patriotiſm, nor can be of ſervice to the Citizens of any Kingdom or Commonwealth, the Publiſher of the MONITOR, &c. ſo long as he is honoured with the lead thereof, will, at all times, carefully guard himſelf againſt thoſe Errors, and hopes to be pardoned, (if from a better principle, that of procuring an honeſt ſupport,) he ſhall refuſe to publiſh any thing that may tend to ſubvert good order in publick or privateSocieties: Yet, neither OPPRESSION, ARBITRARY POWER or PUBLICK INJURIES may expect to be ſcreen'd from the knowledge of the PEOPLE, whoſe LIBERTIES are dearer to them than their lives; and he will ever eſteem it a far greater happineſs, if he ſhall, by his Publications, be a means of informing the *Minds* of his Readers, inſtead of inflaming their *Paſſions*.

The Publiſher promiſes but little, leſt his kind Friends and Patrons ſhould be diſappointed; but intends to perform as much as ſhall be in his power: And to convince them that he intends to ſacrifice his private intereſt to ſerve the PUBLICK in general, but the leſs affluent part of them in particular, he ſhall inſert in this Work, (if proper ſupport is offered) the intereſting, uſeful and entertaining Hiſtory of the State of *New-Hampſhire*, wrote by that eminent Hiſtorian, the ingenious and learned Mr. JEREMY BELKNAP; together with ſeveral ingenious Hiſtorical, Political, Poetical and Humourous Pamphlets, which have been handed to him.—And if this *Magazine* ſhould not conſiſt entirely of original Compoſition, either of Poetry or Proſe, the Publick may depend on the moſt judicious ſelection from Works of this kind and other ingenious Productions publiſhed in *Europe* and *America*.—But, as he is fully convinced, that *Words* are but *Wind*, if they are not accompanied with *Sincerity*, he would only ſay, that as he ſhall ever have a deſire to pleaſe, he will uſe his utmoſt Endeavours at all times to make the REPUBLICAN MAGAZINE as uſeful, entertaining and inſtructive, at leaſt, as any other Work of the kind; and ſhall ſtudy to make the price agreeable to every claſs of Readers.

The Publiſher humbly begs leave to ſolicit the kind favours of not only the *Senſible* and *Polite*, but the *Witty* and *Grave*: And his kind Readers, Friends and Correſpondents may depend on ſtrict attention being paid to Speculations that may be offered, either on RELIGION, MANUFACTURES, COMMERCE, AGRICULTURE or POLITICKS.—Should he, by his *Aſſiduity* and *Impartility* in the line of his *Profeſſion*, have the ſatisfaction of pleaſing the *Taſte* of a few, or gratifying the *Curioſity* and ſerving the *Intereſt* of the PUBLICK in general, (who are, on every occaſion, ready to *promote* the ſmalleſt exertions in the cauſe of *polite Literature*) it will afford him the moſt agreeable Senſation; and they may ever confide, that his conſtant and moſt unwearied Endeavours to ſerve them, will always be equal to the Generoſity and Support afforded to

The PUBLICK's already much-obliged
and very humble Servant,

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For the REPUBLICAN MAGAZINE.

Mr. RUSSELL,

If you think the following OBSERVATIONS *on the* LIBERTY OF THE PRESS *will afford either* Inſtruction *or* Amuſement *to your* Readers, *or ſerve to remove the preſent* unconſtitutional Shackles *that* moſt uſeful VEHICLE *labours under, your publiſhing them will much oblige one of your* Friends *and* Cuſtomers, *at leaſt.*

REPUBLICUS.

OBSERVATIONS *on the* LIBERTY OF THE PRESS, *humbly offered to the peruſal of not only the* POLITICAL FATHERS *and* GUARDIANS *of this* Commonwealth, *but to every ſincere* FRIEND *to* RELIGION *and* LIBERTY, *and to the Promoters and Well-wiſhers of* Arts *and* Sciences *throughout the* UNITED STATES *of* AMERICA ; *which the diſintereſted Author hopes will be read with the utmoſt Attention.*

IT is ſufficiently known, that arbitrary power would ſteal in upon us, were we not extremely watchful to prevent its progreſs, and were there not an eaſy method of conveying the alarm from one end of theſe Free, Sovereign, Independent and United States of AMERICA to the other. The ſpirit of the Publick muſt be frequently rouſed and kept up ; and the dread of rouſing this ſpirit muſt be employed to prevent that ambition. Nothing is ſo effectual to this purpoſe as the LIBERTY OF THE PRESS, by which all the learning, wit and genius of the Nation may be employed on the ſide of LIBERTY, and every one be animated to its defence. As long, therefore, as the Republican Part of either our Continental or ſeparate Governments can maintain itſelf againſt the arbitrary ſtrides that has already been unſucceſsfully made, or that may in future be attempted by thoſe Sycophant Tools of a Deſpotick and Tyrannical Syſtem of Government, the Monarchical Part, our infant riſing States ought, in a moſt peculiar manner to keep a watchful eye over the LIBERTY OF THE RRESS, as of the moſt infinite importance to its preſervation.

And we AMERICANS in a peculiar manner ought to ſet the higheſt value upon this ineſtimable Bleſſing the LIBERTY OF THE PRESS, not only for the ſake of that moſt uſeful of all mechanical Vehicles' having already been a mean, even in the worſt and moſt perilous times, (when happily for the Cauſe of Truth and Virtue in the World, it has been intruſted, by Providence, in the

hands and under the direction of reſolute, daring, enterpriſing and ſtaunch Friends of Religion and Liberty) to expand far and wide, the ſacred Volume of TRUTH, even to the remoteſt corners of the earth, and where black Prieſtcraft with all its attendant and ſtill more horrid Spectres of Infernality and Deſtruction Bigotry, Enthuſiaſm and Perſecution had much too long prevailed, and taken ſuch deep root as almoſt to overſhadow and ſpread a univerſal gloom over the once fair, delectable and fertile Field of Religious and Civil Freedom.

But, to wave the ſubject of Religion for a moment, and think, O Columbians! Think, my Fellow-Countrymen, what would have been the conſequence, if the glorious and ſo much boaſted-of LIBERTY OF THE PRESS could once have been ſuppreſſed in AMERICA, a few years ago by the Tyrannical and Arbitrary Tools of Power, who were uſing their utmoſt efforts, both in England and America, to carry their wicked deſigns into execution, not only with reſpect to this, but in many other moſt eſſential and important Points, that muſt of courſe have very materially endangered the LIVES, RELIGION, LIBERTY and PROPERTY of almoſt every Subject throughout this wide-extended Continent of AMERICA.

I ſay, my Fellow-Countrymen, had ſuch an almoſt irreparable Misfortune took place in AMERICA only within the ſhort ſpace of twenty years; and at a Time I ſay, when the fate of our riſing Empire hung by little more than a twine-thread!—Let each of us, my Brethren and Fellow-Citizens, call to mind the many animating and patriotick Addreſſes ſo recently and ſeaſonably reverberated from that highly uſeful Machine the PRINTING PRESS, throughout the then deſpairing Continent of AMERICA, when clouds and thick darkneſs had almoſt overſhadowed this LAND OF FREEDOM—this choſen ASYLUM for the OPPRESSED of all Nations of the World to flee to, *where every man may, without moleſtation, ſit peaceably under his own vine, and under his own fig-tree.*

When we reflect on theſe things, my Fellow-Countrymen, it muſt, I think, create a bluſh in the face of even the fierceſt and moſt violent Advocate for laying duties and reſtrictions of any kind on the PRESS, if they are not callous to every feeling for the RELIGIOUS and CIVIL RIGHTS and LIBERTIES of MANKIND.—And I have not the leaſt doubt but our WORTHY POLITICAL GUARDIANS, the Honourable GENERAL ASSEMBLY at their next Seſſions will think fit, in their great wiſdom, further to reviſe and amend the *Act* relating to *News-Papers*, which ſo evidently affects the Intereſt of the PRINTER in the end; for if an *Advertiſement*, that was ſent to the Preſs for inſertion from a Merchant or Trader, prior to ſaid *Act*, coſt but thirty ſhillings for inſerting it three weeks, and ſhould the ſame Merchant, &c. refuſe to pay the additional tax of near three dollars a column in the Paper; in this and every other inſtance of the kind, the Printer would of courſe be the ſufferer, by loſing a very lucrative branch of his buſineſs in the News-Paper Way; to the enjoyment of which emolument, may perhaps, in a great meaſure, I humbly preſume, be attributed the preſent cheapneſs of News-Papers.——But, ſhould that *Honourable, Reſpectable* and *Worthy* BODY think different from me in reſpect to this matter I ſhall be ſorry.

It has been found, as the experience of Mankind increaſes, that the PEOPLE are no ſuch dangerous MONSTER as they have, in *Arbitrary* and *Tyrannical Governments* been repreſented, and that it is in every reſpect better to guide them, like rational Beings, than to lead or drive them like brute beaſts. Before the United Provinces ſet the example, TOLERATION was deemed incompatible with good Government; and it was thought impoſſible that a

number of religious Sects ſhould live in harmony and peace, and have all of them an equal affection in their *Common Cauſe*, CIVIL LIBERTY; and though this LIBERTY has, in ſeveral inſtances, occaſioned ſome ſmall ferment among us, yet it has never produced any pernicious effects; and it is to be hoped, that Mankind in general, being more accuſtomed to the diſcuſſion of publick affairs, will improve in the judgment of them, and be with greater difficulty ſeduced by every idle rumour and popular clamour.

It is a very comfortable reflection to all the ſincere Lovers of the LIBERTY of the Subject, and to every Well-Wiſher to the COMMON RIGHTS of Mankind, that, (thanks to *HEAVEN* and the UNREMITTED VIGILANCE of our EVER-WATCHFUL POLITICAL FATHERS and GUARDIANS, the HONOURABLE *AMERICAN CONGRESS*) this peculiar PRIVILEGE of *AMERICANS* is of that kind, that it cannot eaſily be wreſted from us, without our own conſent, but muſt laſt as long as our Government remains, in any degree, FREE and INDEPENDENT: Which was once the caſe in *Britain*, before the PRINTERS and *People* in that *inſlaved* and *infatuated Country tamely* and *baſely* ſuffered themſelves to be *ſhackled* by the *Tyrannical* and *Arbitrary* TOOLS of the *Iron Hand* of POWER.

It is ſeldom that LIBERTY of any kind is loſt all at once.—*Slavery* has ſo frightful an aſpect to Men accuſtomed to FREEDOM, that it muſt ſteal upon them by degrees, and muſt diſguiſe itſelf in a thouſand ſhapes, in order to be received. But if the *LIBERTY* OF THE *PRESS* ever be loſt, it muſt be loſt at once. The general laws againſt *Sedition* and *Libelling*, are at preſent as ſtrong as they can poſſibly be made. Nothing can impoſe a farther reſtraint, but either clapping an *Imprimatur* upon the *PRESS*, or giving the *Court* very large diſcretionary POWERS to puniſh whatever diſpleaſes them. But theſe *conceſſions* would be ſo barefaced violation of to *LIBERTY* OF THE *PRESS*, the they will be the laſt efforts of a DESPOTICK GOVERNMENT. We may conclude, that the CIVIL and RELIGIOUS *FREEDOM* of *AMERICA* is gone when theſe attempts ſhall ſucceed.

Since, therefore, the LIBERTY OF THE PRESS is ſo eſſential to the ſupport of our new Republican Government, this ſufficiently decides the ſecond queſtion, Whether this LIBERTY be advantageous or prejudicial? There being nothing of greater importance in every State for the preſervation of a free Government. But I would fain go a ſtep further and aſſert, that ſuch a LIBERTY is attended with ſo few inconveniencies, that it may very juſtly be claimed as the common right of Mankind, and, in my opinion, it ought to be indulged them in every Government, except the Eccleſiaſtical, to which indeed it would prove fatal. We need not dread from this LIBERTY ſuch ill-conſequences as followed from the harrangues of the popular Demagogues of Athens and Tribunes of Rome. A man reads a News-Paper alone and coolly. There is none preſent from whom he can catch the paſſion by contagion. He is not hurried away by the force and energy of action: And ſhould he be wrought up to ever ſo ſeditious a humour, there is no violent reſolution preſented to him, by which he can immediately vent his paſſion. The LIBERTY OF THE PRESS, therefore, however abuſed, can ſcarce ever excite popular Tumults or Rebellion. And as to thoſe murmurs or ſecret diſcontents it may occaſion, it is better they ſhould get vent in words, that they may come to the knowledge of the Magiſtrate before it be too late in order to his providing a remedy againſt them. Mankind, it is true, have always a greater propenſion to believe what is ſaid to the diſadvantage of their Governours, than the contrary; but this inclination is inſeparable from them whether they have LIBERTY or not. A Whiſper may fly as quick and be as pernicious as a Pamphlet. Nay, it will be more pernicious, where men are not accuſtomed to think freely, or diſtinguiſh between truth and falſhood.

I muſt acknowledge the LIBERTY OF THE PRESS has been greatly abuſed by many, and this uſeful Machine has often been ſub-

ſervient to the worſt of purpoſes, by being made an Engine of uſhering much obſcenity, nonſenſe and folly into publick view;—but theſe abuſes, however vile in themſelves, derogate from the excellency of PRINTING in general, no more than the ſpots in the Sun from the glory of his illuſtrious ORB.

And I cannot help remarking, to the everlaſting honour of our POLITICAL FATHERS, the HONOURABLE *AMERICAN CONGRESS*, by the exemplary and Liberal Encouragement given to RELIGION and LITERATURE, in the Sanction and Countenance lately ſhewn by that *Auguſt*, *Revered* and *Honourable BODY*, (to whom, not only in this, but in many other inſtances, our higheſt plaudit and thanks are juſtly due,) by their promoting a new, elegant and correct *American* Edition of the *Scriptures*, and by their kindly recommending to the good People of theſe States to purchaſe the ſame in preference to any imported from *Europe*.—By ſuch wiſe, noble and patriotick Reſolutions, if happily adopted and ſteadily purſued in every State throughout this riſing AMERICAN EMPIRE, we ſhould, in a very few years, find that even the *Britons* themſelves have adopted a bad policy, notwithſtanding the exhauſted ſituation of their finances, in laying TAXES on the *PRESS*; for, by this means, if we ſeize the preſent favourable opportunity put into our hands even by our *Enemies* on the other ſide the *Atlantick*, for promoting Literature among ourſelves, even we in this remote part, and where the uſeful and polite ART of PRINTING has been carried on but a little more than a century in any degree of perfection, ſhall ſtand a great chance of rivalling even thoſe who have practiſed this curious and eminently uſeful ART more than three times that period.

Although ſome among us have ſaid, that ſo *trifling* a duty as *Six Pence* on an *Advertiſement* ought not even to be mentioned, eſpecially when it is laid for the *ſupport* and *maintenance* of GOVERNMENT, and at the ſame time it does not come out of the *Printer*'s pocket immediately: Then, by a parity of argument, we might, on another occaſion, have alſo ſaid, that the *trifling ſum* of *Three Pence* on a *Pound* of *Tea* was not worth *contending* for, and, therefore, we might as well have *tamely ſubmitted* and *ſwallowed* the *Bait* that was ſo *artfully* laid for us in the ever-memorable year 1773, by our *implacable* and *deſigning* ENEMIES in *Britain*.——No! be it forever remembered, I ſay, COLUMBIANS in general, but my *Fellow-Citizens* of this COMMONWEALTH in particular, it was the RIGHT *Britain* claimed to TAX *America* in all caſes whatever, we *boldly* and *ſucceſsfully contended* for! It was not the *paltry Three Pence* laid by them on a *Pound* of *Tea* that brought on the late *glorious Struggle* with that *ungrateful Country!* For, it is evident, if their RIGHT of levying the *TEA-TAX* had been *tamely recognized* by the AMERICANS, ten thouſand others might have been, with equal juſtice, *impoſed* on us;—and then we might have bid a final adieu to the ſo-much-boaſted-of *birthright Privilege* of being the ſubjects of a *Monarch*, who, when he took the reins of Government upon him, declared in his *firſt Words* from the *Throne*, that he "*gloried in being born a* Briton."——I ſay, my *Fellow-Countrymen*, (with the higheſt deference to my *Superiours* of the *Legiſlative Body*) we ought all to plead againſt their RIGHT of laying a *TAX* on the *PRESS!* And each one of us have an undoubted *Privilege* to aſk our *Political Fathers* and *Guardians*, Whether this *DUTY* on the *PRESS* is levied on us agreeable to our *CONSTITUTION?* The *trifling ſum* exacted, no one can value who have one ſpark of *Patriotiſm* or *Generoſity* left: But if our LEGISLATURE have a RIGHT to lay SIX PENCE on every *Ten Lines*, by the ſame rule they can as well exact SIX SHILLINGS; and ſo on to the entire ſuppreſſion of *advertiſing* in the *News-Papers*; and though *trifling* as the *Tax* may appear to be, it operates very much to the *detriment* of one uſeful *Manufacturing Branch* in the *Community*, not to mention the *hurtful tendency* it may have to the cauſe of *Literature* in this INFANT EMPIRE.—Admitting even the latter ſum of SIX SHILLINGS were laid on every ten lines, it would not, (on an accurate calculation, which I may, perhaps, in ſome future Number of your uſeful MAGAZINE, think proper to lay before the PUBLICK) bring one *Sixth Part* the revenue to *Government* there might be raiſed, if the *Honourable Le-*

giſlature ſhould think fit, in their great wiſdom, entirely to repeal the Act relating to *Printers*, and, in lieu of which, I would humbly propoſe, that they lay the *trifling ſum* of *One Shilling* and *Two Pence* on each *Barrel* of *Cyder* conſumed in this Commonwealth, in addition to the ſmall *duty* of *Four Pence* already laid on that article, which would not be out of proportion to that on *Rum, Wine, Molaſſes, &c.* and may be thought a more equitable and eligible mode of raiſing a *Revenue* to *Government.*—I think the method I have candidly laid before the PUBLICK in general, but the *Honourable* LEGISLATIVE BODY of this *Commonwealth* in particular, will anſwer ſundry good purpoſes; for, ſhould the above plan I have *diſintereſtedly* propoſed for the good of the whole, be happily adopted, I preſume, (and I am not alone in my opinion) it will have a great tendency to eaſe the minds of the ever-jealous People, leſt an innovation be made in our CONSTITUTION, and conſequently the propoſed Mode of Taxation would give more ſatisfaction to the People at large.

Although I muſt acknowledge the demands on our Government are at preſent exceeding great and preſſing, (as was wiſely obſerved by ſeveral learned and worthy Gentlemen of the *Honourable Aſſembly* in their laſt Seſſion, when ſpeaking on ways and means for reducing the *Publick Debt,*) and, notwithſtanding we ſeem almoſt on the verge of a *Publick Bankruptcy*; yet, at the ſame time our *Worthy* and *Honourable* POLITICAL FATHERS are providing for the exigencies of Government, (I would humbly obſerve, with the higheſt reſpect and ſubmiſſion to that *Honourable Body*, and I know of a large number of diſintereſted Fellow-Citizens who are of my opinion) thoſe *Honourable Gentlemen*, who ought to be the *political Guardians* of our *Civil* and *Religious Rights* and *Liberties*, ſhould be extremely cautious of making proviſion for the unavoidable emergencies of the Commonwealth at the expence either of the leaſt infringement of the happy, and, in many reſpects, equal CONSTITUTION we live under, or by abridging any individual *Societies* in the Community of either their *Civil* or *Religious Liberty*, or *Perſonal Property*, as every Claſs of Men among us are, by the *mutual Compact* made between the RULERS and PEOPLE, *ſacredly promiſed EQUAL LIBERTY* and *PERSONAL SECURITY*, while they demean themſelves as good Subjects; for ſhould this once become a precedent, farewell to our ſo-much-boaſted-of *LIBERTY of the SUBJECT.*

But, Mr. Printer, leſt any of that *Honourable Body* ſhould think I am intereſted in thus writing in defence of the *LIBERTY* OF THE *PRESS*, you may venture to aſſure them, that although I am a Trader in the Shopkeeping-Way, yet I never ſent an Advertiſement to the Preſs that would coſt the ſmall ſum of ten ſhillings, and have not made it a practice to adverti ſe my goods more than once or twice a year; but I know many of my Brother-Shopkeepers who have a deſire, for their own as well as the advantage of the Publick, at leaſt in the ſpring and fall of the year, to acquaint their Cuſtomers of having furniſhed their ſhops with a variety of articles for ſale: And indeed, if ſome Printers have abuſed their Cuſtomers, by filling more than one half of their *Papers* with Advertiſements, yet, in my opinion, it is the buſineſs of them only who pay for thoſe *Papers* to chaſtize the *Printer* for ſuch an impoſition, if they ſhould think fit, by withholding their Subſcriptions: And I cannot think that *Printers* are amenable to the *Legiſlative Authority* of this *Commonwealth* for any offence of this nature; therefore, it is humbly preſumed, they have no *Right* to take *Cognizance* of ſuch matter.—The reaſon of mentioning this aroſe from an objection of the kind I have often heard ſtarted by ſundry Gentlemen belonging to the *Honourable General Court.*

I ſhall conclude theſe OBSERVATIONS, my Fellow-Citizens, with my ſincere Wiſhes, that RELIGION, KNOWLEDGE, PEACE, LIBERTY and PROSPERITY may univerſally pervade the World of Mankind in general, but that they may, in a peculiar manner, ſpread their *Benign Influence* throughout theſe HAPPY, INDEPENDENT and UNITED STATES of AMERICA.

REPUBLICUS.

From my *Grotto*, on *Mount-Lookout*, Oct. 10, 1785.

A Correſpondent *has juſt favoured the Publiſher with a* Pamphlet, *entitled,* The PANTHEON, *a* COMEDY, *in* THREE ACTS; *which, our* Friend *aſſures us,* "*was actually* "*printed at* N-wY--k, *and acted at the* New-Theatre *in that City, within a few days paſt:*" *But we have only time and room to inſert in this Number what follows;*

THE BOOKSELLER'S PREFACE, TO THIS FOURTH EDITION.

TO THE PUBLICK.

KIND READER,

WITH a view of following the truly laudable Practice *of almoſt every* polite *and* learned AUTHOR, *who has wrote or publiſhed any* Compoſition *of* Merit, *on the* truly intereſting Subjects *either of* ORATORY, PHILOSOPHY, HERALDRY, MUSICK, DIVINITY *or* POLITICKS *within theſe two or three laſt Centuries, I think, not only in juſtice to the* learned, polite *and* ingenious AUTHOR, *but to my* own intereſt *in* particular, *as a* Bookſeller, *as the ſale of a Book of almoſt any kind, but* Compoſitions *of* Genius *in an eſpecial manner, very much depend on a* few words *to be ſaid in their behalf, by way of* Recommendation; *but as the* well-known Modeſty *of the* truly learned, polite *and* accompliſhed AUTHOR *of the preceding* moſt celebrated, moſt excellent, moſt admirable *and* much-eſteemed ORATION *did not permit him to write a* RECOMMENDATORY PREFACE, *I ſhall take the liberty, with the moſt humble* Submiſſion *to the* PUBLICK *in general, but to the* learned DOCTOR *COLINUM in particular, for preſuming to ſay, (without his knowledge, privity or permiſſion) that this* moſt excellent *and* ſublime PIECE *of* ORATORY *is extracted from a* COMEDY, *lately acted by the* Company *of* Comedians *at the* New-Theatre *in* N-wY--k, *entituled, the* PANTHEON; *which was inſerted in the ſame by way of a* Prologue, *and conſtituted the whole of the* firſt Act.—*This* maſterly Performance *was* wrote, *by the* particular deſire *of a number of* very reſpectable *and* learned Gentlemen *who are fond, not only of* Compoſitions *of* genius, *but of* Theatrical Entertainments, *and* ſpoken extempore *by that* moſt maſterly *ORATOR,* PHILOSOPHER *and* POLITICIAN *of the Age, the* learned, ingenious, philoſophick, political *and* ſublime DOCTOR SIGNORUM COLINUM, *L. L. D. and F. R. S. lately arrived in the City of* Boſtonia, *from* Naples, *in* Italy; *and who, in my humble opinion, has by far excelled all our* MODERN STENTORS, *both in point of* ORATORY, HERALDRY, PHILOSOPHY, SENTIMENT, SUBLIMITY, DIVINITY *and* POLITICKS, *even in as great a degree as the* all-glorious, ſplendid, *and* day-enlivening Orb of SOL *excells that of the* moſt celeſtial *of all the* Conſtellations *in the* Planetary World, *the* moſt beautiful *and* charming CYNTHA; *for* OUR MODERN *STENTORS or ORATORS have only made ſome* feeble *Attempts at* ORATORY; *but here,* kind READER, *in this* moſt excellent, moſt admirable, moſt philoſophick, moſt divine, moſt truly ſentimental, moſt highly-eſteemed *and* moſt finiſhed PIECE *of* LITERATURE, *all the powers of* Wit, Genius *and* Imagination *are, in a moſt beautiful and lively manner, moſt happily united to pleaſe the* Taſte, *divert the* Mind, *inform the* Judgment, *and in the* moſt energetick, pathetick *and* angelick manner, *gives the fulleſt ſcope to the* Pleaſure *of the* Reader: *Which* well-merited PERFORMANCE *has already met with ſuch a rapid ſale, that it was with the utmoſt difficulty the Preſs could ſupply the demand, having run through* three Editions *of ſome thouſands in each within a few weeks, and was ſold at the price of* "three Shillings," *although without* puffing *its value, we may venture, with the utmoſt* modeſty *to aſſert, that the* candid *and* ſentimental Reader *will moſt cordially join with me in ſtamping its real value at the* "intrinſick price of a Guinea," *if they give this* incomparable *and* very Popular PIECE *of* ORATORY *its proper rank in point of* Merit, *among the* Firſt Claſs *of the* POLITE LITERATI *throughout the* United States *of* AMERICA.——*In ſhort, were I even to attempt a full* Delineation *of all the waſt variety of* Charms *contained in the* DOCTOR'S moſt excellent *and* moſt elegant ORATION, *ſure I am both time and ability would fail me.*—*Suffice it to ſay,* kind READER, *that*

it, by an infinite degree, ſurpaſſes any thing of the kind that has been publiſhed in this Weſtern Heimſphere, *on the ſubject of* ORATORY; *and with this aſſertion, which I am fully perſuaded every one of my* kind Readers *will confirm, on their candid peruſal of the ſame, I conclude, and ſubſcribe myſelf,*

The PUBLICK's *moſt humble* SERVANT,
DICK BURLESQUE, Stationer's-Hall, Jo. Mille'rs-Head, *Foot of the* Mall.
Mount-Orcheſtra, *in the year One of* Orcheſtrian *and* Panthonian Muſick.

☞ *With reſpect to the preſent* Edition *of this* moſt excellent, elegant *and* much-admired Work, *all I have to ſay is, that ſhould the* courteous Reader *obſerve any trifling* Grammatical Errors, *he hopes it will be more readily and candidly overlooked, as the* ingenious *and* learned AUTHOR, DOCTOR COLINUM *has ſo lately arrived in theſe Parts from* Italy, *his* native Country, *and conſequently has not had ſufficient opportunity to make himſelf thoroughly acquainted with the* Engliſh Language.—*Another thing I would take the liberty to obſerve to the* kind Reader *is, that my* Printer *had ſtrict orders to follow the* Copy *from the* N-wY--k Edition, *and it is a rule with thoſe* Gentlemen, *when ſuch orders are given them, not to deviate even in reſpect to a point from the tranſcript of the* DOCTOR's original Copy, *which was "printed by* FAUST *and* VAN DAM RANSA-"LAER, Printers *to the* New-Theatre, *and late "*Printers *to his* PRUSSIAN MAJESTY, *at* Breſ-"lau, *and now* Printers *to all the* Engliſh High "German reformed Lutherans *reſiding in* Ame-"rica:—*And re-printed by* BILL FUNNY, *at "the ſign of the* Pantheon, *for* DICK BUR-"LESQUE, *at* Jo. Miller's-Head, *Foot of the "*Mall, Mount-Orcheſtra:" *In the Æra above.*

(To be continued and concluded in our next, (ſhould the remainder not exceed ſeven pages) if only the ſmall number of ſix hundred Subſcribers appear to promote this expenſive Work.)

By a young Man, on his Siſter's breaking a Glaſs.

Se, eſiſt erint, hisſhatt er'dgl
Aſsthef, ateo fman, yapre tty Laf
Swom, anlik eglaſsiaf raila ndwe
Ak, Isap ttoſli pisap tobr eak:
Ther efoſegu ideev eryſte pwithCa, utie
Nforj uſtli kegla ſiſRe put atio
NBothb roke top, ieceſi nonceſa llingf ote
Verloſ, tan draſt Recal, ling.

We have received a ſmall humorous Pamphlet, *which our* Correſponding Friend *who brought it to the Preſs ſays,* "*Has been lately acted at the New Theatre in* N-w-Y--k *with great applauſe, and has had ſeveral large editions in that City.*"—*The Pamphlet is entituled, The* Downfall *of* AMERICAN RELIGIOUS TYRANNY: *Or, the* total Repeal *of the* WARDEN-ACT *in the Town of* Rockſburgh, *not thirty miles from the City of* Boſtonia; *commonly called the Pariſh of* Piety, *in the City of* Reformation *and County of* Somefolks: *A* COMEDY *of four* ACTS. *Occaſioned by a Summer Evening's Converſation in a* polite Circle, *met at the Houſe of* 'SQUIRE BOW, *in the above Pariſh; which laſted from ſeven o'clock in the Evening until paſt three next Morning.*——*By* HUMPHRY PENMAN, *M. F.*

DRAMATIS PERSONÆ.

Principal MEN CHARACTERS.

Colonel Flaſh,
Captain Kingman,
'Squire Bow,
Lieut. Goodfellow,
Parſon Youngman,
Dr. Cureall,
Warden Buſy,
Warden Pious,
Barber Lather,
Butcher Smite,
Lawyers Worthy and Truſty in a Garden, in Conference with Wards Buſy and Pious,
Simon Son to 'Sq. Bow,
Fiddler Catgut,
Caro and Sambo, Servants to 'Squire Bow.

WOMEN.

Lady Bow,
Sarah Bow, Daughter to the 'Squire.

"*A Letter from the* AUTHOR *to a* Printer *in* Boſton, *previous to it's being ſent to* N-w-Y--k.

Mr. PRINTER, ROCKSBURGH, *Aug.* 14, 1785.

INCLOSED I tranſmit to you an exact Account of a Converſation that was lately held at the Houſe of Mr. *Bow*, our *Pariſh-'Squire*, on the ſubject of the WARDEN-ACT. You may depend, Sir, on its *Authenticity*, as I took it in Characters from the Words of their Mouth. If you think it will ſerve either to pleaſe the Taſte or gratify the Curioſity of any of your Readers in the preſent dearth of News, it is entirely at your ſervice for that purpoſe; or to make uſe of it in any other way, if you ſhall think proper. I am, Sir

With the utmoſt reſpect,
Your moſt obedient, humble Servant,
HUMPHRY PENMAN, Maſt. of Fun.

To Mr. Printer *of the* ***, *in* Boſton.

PROLOGUE.

Spoken by COLONEL FLASH.

The SILVER AGE; a LILLEPUTIAN TALE, lately discovered in the Ruins of the once famous and flourishing City of *Herculaneum*, as some Persons were searching for curious Manuscripts, Coins, Plate, Medals, &c. Which, the Reader may be assured, is taken exactly from the Original. "TURPI SECERNIS HONESTUM. HOR."

IN days of Yore and "PIOUS" *Times*,
Great care was had to punish *Crimes*,
When CONSERVATORS *Pacis* sought
To keep "GOOD" *order*, as they ought;
Did with *Fidelity* explore
And *flog* or *fine* each teeming WHORE:
Made only MALEFACTORS fear,
For that was all within their *sphere*.
CRIMES thus chastiz'd did almost cease,
ROGUES were *compell'd* to keep the *Peace*:
This OFFICE then was no great *Booty*,
Small were the *Fees*, tho' GREAT the *duty*.
But when a Law, the old restriction
Dock'd, and enlarg'd their jurisdiction,
Their WORSHIPS had a right to hold
In *Civil Plea* a *pound four fold*;
The POST was then tho't worth possessing,
'Twas then attended with a *Blessing*;
But still in after times it grew
Much better, as our Tale will shew;
When as it goes by common fame,
Four Pounds and *Eighty* were the same,
By plain construction rightly made,
For so it was *adjudg'd* 'tis said.
Then Civil Suits began to thrive
And claims, grown obsolete, revive;
Thus Princes edicts have defin'd
Their coins of heterogeneous kind,
(That *State-Affairs* and *Cash* might tally
In *even Scales*) of equal value:
This conusance none dar'd invade,
And JUSTICE drove a swimming trade;
Their HONOURS judg'd as they thought good,
The Causes heard and understood
And took their *Fees* just what they wou'd.
But when their WORSHIPS manifold
Like *Men* divinely bless'd of old
Were bid 't *increase and multiply*,
Obsequious rose a num'rous *fry*;
Were prompt and ever nigh at hand,
To scatter JUSTICE thro' the land;
The priv'lege then to all extended
To ******** those who had *offended*,
Then with important air and look,
The Sons of LITTLETON and COKE
Swarming appear'd, to mind the 'SQUIRES;
"What *Honours* such a *Post* requires!
"The POWER granted by the LAW
"To keep *unruly folks* in awe:
"The trust committed which 'tis plain
"Nothing but MERIT could obtain;
"All which evinc'd their *Worship's* presence
"Had just demand to awe and "*Rev'rence.*"
The force of truth what can repel!
They said the Gentlemen spoke well;
Had set the matter in full view;
What wonders LEARNED MEN can do!
Those skilful CLERKS always attending
Help'd to dispatch all matters pending;
Took care that *Judgment*, (as it shou'd)
Was render'd for the Man that SU'D;
Aided their HONOURS to indite,
And sign'd for those who could not write.
But when their WORSHIPS once a year
In full *Assembly* did appear
To grant *Permits* (as they should please)
To sell good cheer *and take the Fees*—
How GRAND! how AWFUL was the sight!
HOGARTH could never paint it right;
The vicious sneak'd, and chose to hide 'em,
For fear of what might else betide.
So as when ancient stories show,
Great MAGISTRATES came from the plough,
And in full SENATE did assemble,
Their *Sentence* made the World to *tremble*
Who but must think those *happy times*,
When men adroit to punish *Crimes*,
Were still at hand? and what is better—
Made ev'ry little tardy *Debtor*
Fulfill his contract, and to boot,
Pay twice his *Debt* in *Costs of Suit*.
This was the prosp'rous SILVER AGE,
When MAGISTRATES profoundly sage,
O'er spread the Land, and made, it seems,
JUSTICE run down the streets in Streams!

(To be continued.)

INTELLIGENCE EXTRAORDINARY.

A Correſpondent informs us, "That it has, within a few days, been confidently aſſerted by many among the polite Part of the City, that Mr. T....s G. ....r, late *Chief-Manager, Compiler, Conductor* and *Printer* of the B..N M.....E and the learned, celebrated and philoſophick DOCTOR SRIGNORUM *COLINUM, Patron, Chief-Director, Overſeer* and *Pay-Maſter-General* to the PANTHEON, have made a rural retreat into the Country to take the benefit of a more FREE, ſalubrious and uncontaminated AIR:" But, ſays another Correſpondent, "You may venture to aſſure your Readers, from undoubted Authority, that the latter *Gentleman*, together with his Colleagues, that maſterly and compleat ITALIAN MUSICIAN, Signorum *ETONI* and the truly excellent, accompliſhed, accurate and correct ENGLISH GEOGRAPHIST, Signorum *NORMUNDI*, have actually been on a grand, important, highly uſeful, beneficial and ſcientifick Tour through the (until now) unexplored regions, in ſearch of, and with a noble, patriotick and publick-ſpirited deſign to obtain, with the help of ladders, balloons, &c. &c. an exact and complete MAP of the MOON; together with a full, true, authentick, particular and exact Account of the religion, policy, manners, cuſtoms, trade, laws and dreſs in thoſe planetary and celeſtial regions."——The Gentleman who gives us the above particulars further adds, "Your Readers and the Publick in general may be poſitively aſſured, that thoſe truly philoſophick, laborious and indefatigable GENTLEMEN have met with ſuch wonderful and amazing ſucceſs in their late arduous Undertaking, notwithſtanding they have ſtruggled with the moſt inſurmountable difficulties in making and entirely completing their *Hydroſtratical, Aerial, Balloonical, Ladderical* and *Heraldratical* DISCOVERIES, that they have, by far ſurpaſſed, by their proficiency in *Philoſophy*, even the *great* and *immortal NEWTON* himſelf: *NEWTON*, did I ſay? Nay, they have even actually rivalled the celebrated *WHISTON* and *DITTON*, who, a few years ſince, made ſuch vaſt progreſs in diſcovering *Art* of *Longitude*, and in finding out the "*intrinſicly*" important, intereſting and myſterious Diſcovery of *Perpetual Motion*, for which they, (at the time theſe highly important ſervices were made known to the Publick) received the juſt and well-merited Plaudit and Applauſe of grateful thouſands and tens of thouſands of every rank, denomination and deſcription of People through out the kingdoms of Britain, France, Holland, Spain, Portugal and almoſt every other part of the polite World; and even that divine, learned and celebrated Poet Dean SWIFT has not been unmindful of thoſe ſuperiour Geniuſes and *Longitarians*; for the Dean (who lived in the age in which thoſe grand, important and uſeful Diſcoveries were made) moſt gratefully erects a ſtanding memorial of their learning and ingenuity, to be handed down to ages yet unborn, in the following inimitable Lines;

"*May* Whiſton *be piſs'd on,*
"*And* Ditton *be ſh-t on*;
"May Ditton *be piſs'd on,*
"*And* Whiſton *be ſh-t on.*"

—Lo! Behold, will not the mighty, wonderful, remarkable, ſurprizing and eminently uſeful *Hydroſtratical, Aerial, Balloonical, Ladderical, Heraldratical* Diſcoveries Explorations, Excurſions and Adventures to thoſe New and hitherto unexplored Regions; together with an account of the ſtrange, wonderful, ſurprizing and hideous ſights of wild beaſts, flying fowls, fiſhes, and other hideous Monſters that they ſaw, and the many, mighty, wonderful, curious and ſtrange works and doings that they beheld in their tedious, perplexing and heroick travels—lo! peraventure, and behold, are they not all, and more than all, penned down by ſome able and goodly *Penman*, who is well ſkilled in *Penmanſhip*, and printed in the *Book* of the *Chronicles* of *Balloons* and *Ladders*, and is called the *Volume* of the *Book* of the *Pantheon*, a *Comedy* of three *Acts*, lately acted by the *New* and goodly *Company* of *American Comedians* at *N-w-Y--k*?

We are credibly informed by the ſame Cor-

reſpondent, "That the *philoſophick, ſagacious* and *enterprizing Genius*, Mr. T.....s G.....r, one of the above *worthy* and *patriotick Perſonages*, is now actually on his voyage (with the kind permiſſion of his *right honourable, right worſhipful, moſt learned* and *philoſophical* FATHER, the *eminent* JOSEPH FLEECEM, *Eſquire*, one of the Commonwealth's *Juſtices* of the *Peace* and of the *Chorum* for the *County* of *Somefolks*, and (wou'd be) *Colonel* of a *Regiment*, to keep the *Peaceable* PEACE) to the *Royal Academy* of *Arts* and *Sciences* in *France*, with a deſign to improve his ſtudies in *Law, Philoſophy, Aſtrology, Geography, Balloonry, Geometry, Metaphyſicks, Typography, Politeneſs, Faſhions*," &c. &c.——Through the ſame channel we are informed, "That the above *ſublime* and *learned Gentleman* has carried over with him to the *Royal Society* of *Arts* and *Sciences* in *France*, ſeveral ingenious and learned Tracts on the ſubject of *Philoſophy*, &c. &c. Two in a particular manner—one of which is entituled, "a Treatiſe on the '*intrinſickly*' valuable diſcovery of a new-contrived TRAP to catch either *Old Rats* or *Young Mice*," lately preſented to our *P.....l S.....y* for their approbation; the other is entituled, "A learned, philoſophical, well-ſtudied and grammatical Treatiſe on AGRICULTURE; in which is plainly ſhewn, not only the *poſſibility*, but the abſolute, certain *probability* of grafting a *Carrot* on a *Bean*:" This ſmall Tract might, it is preſumed, be of infinite ſervice to the Publick at any time, if the method therein contained ſhould be univerſally adopted, but at this period in particular, as the ſeaſon for GARDINEERING is now approaching: Theſe Treatiſes will contain only four or five hundred folio pages each, and have been the conſtant and unwearied ſtudy of the above *worſhipful* and *philoſophical* GENTLEMAN for more than ten years paſt; and as he has been ſo highly honoured as to have the liberty of preſenting them to the *American P.....l S.....s*, (of which he has the honour to be an *honourable Member*) and the *ſublimity* and *ingenuity* of his talents have met with their univerſal approbation, both as a *Philoſopher* and *Naturaliſt*, it is humbly and ardently hoped and expected, without vanity, they will meet with as favourable a reception from the POLITE LITERATI in the *European World*, as they have met with in this *American Hemiſphere*."

Our Friend adds, "That the ſame *worthy* GENTLEMAN is to be aſſiſted by his SUBLIME HIGHNESS JOHN STENTOR, Eſquire, *Orator-General, Barriſter at Law*, and the *ingenious, learned* and *pious* AUTHOR of the late "*intrinſickly*" uſeful WEEKLY CHRONICLE, publiſhed in *Edes's Exchange-Advertiſer*; which died in September, in the year One of *Orcheſtrian* and *Panthonian-Muſick*, aged eight weeks: It is ſaid Mrs. CHRONICLE met with a *mortal Wound* from a CENTINEL, a few weeks paſt, which occaſioned her Death;—of which may be truly and juſtly ſaid, The "*days*" of that immaculate, and eminently uſeful Child, the WEEKLY CHRONICLE, were "*few and evil.*" Although the conflict between the *Weekly Chronicle* and the *Centinel* is allowed to have been an unequal combat, yet almoſt every Friend to decency, good order and the well-being of ſociety, in a ſtriking manner reverſed on that occaſion, the command in the ſacred Writ, wherein we are enjoined "*not*" to "*rejoice when*" our "*Enemy falleth.*"

It is alſo confidently aſſerted at the *Court-End* of the City, ſays our Friend, "That the *worſhipful Mr.* JUSTICE FLEECEM, (in company with the laſt-mentioned *worthy* GENTLEMAN) has actually reviſed and improved upon his late Treatiſe on "*B---'s J-----e*;" in lieu of which he is determined to compile a large and valuable Treatiſe for founding a new Code of Laws or Regulations for providing the moſt *ample Proviſions* in the hands of Himſelf as well as every other MAGISTRATE, and for the more effectual ſecurity of the *Peace* of *Boys, Indians, Mollattoes, Negroes, Idiots*, &c. in one of theſe learned and uſeful *Regulations*, we are told, is contained a chapter, wherein it is enacted, "That, if in caſe it ſhall ſo happen at any time that any Perſon or Perſons, not having the fear of the *Higher Powers*, or the MAGISTRATE, before their eyes, and being inſtigated entirely by the *Old Serpent*, ſhall wilfully, wickedly, maliciouſly, felonioully and of their malice afore-thought, and being armed with any unlawful weapon called the *Palm* of the *Hand*, ſhall ſtrike, wound, maime, beat, abuſe, *box in the ear*, or any other ways ill-treat one of thoſe LITTLE ONES belonging to my JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT, who uſually ſtand with *Barrows* in the *Chief Streets* or *Market-Places*, within the City of

Boſtonia, or elſewhere, they are hereby commanded, enjoined, ordered and directed, and I, JOSEPH FLEECEM, *Eſquire*, one of the Commonwealth's *Juſtices* of the *Peace* and of the *Quorum* for this *County* of *Somefolks*, *Barriſter* at *Law*, &c. &c. do hereby fully enjoin, command, order and direct, that they ſhall immediately and forthwith be bro't before me, one of the Commonwealth's *Juſtices* of *Peace* and of the *Quorum*, &c. &c. And when ſo brought before me the ſaid JOSEPH FLEECEM, *Eſquire*, &c. and ſo forth, then and in each and every ſuch caſe or caſes, fiddle-caſe or any other caſe or caſes whatſoever, I the ſaid JOSEPH FLEECEM, *Eſquire*, &c. &c. am directed and impowered by the ſaid new Law, Statute or Regulation aforeſaid, to order, direct, command and enjoin, that the Perſon or Perſons, either male or female, above the age of eight years, who ſhall in any way traſpaſs againſt ſaid Law Statute or Regulation, by *boxing in the ear*, &c. any of the LITTLE ONES, belonging to my JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT or TRAP-CAGE; he or they ſo offending ſhall forfeit and pay into my hands for each and every ſuch offence, (who am, by my *Titles* and *Commiſſions* to keep the *Peace*, fully impowered, directed and intruſted to receive the ſame) the ſum of FOUR DOLLARS, or commonly known by the *ſmall triſle* of TWENTY-FOUR SHILLINGS, of good and lawful money of this Commonwealth; together with the full and juſt ſum of TWO DOLLARS more, or TWELVE SHILLINGS, of the ſame lawful tenor as above, for my labour, coſt, trouble and charges in bringing to condign puniſhment every ſuch atrocious and audacious offender or offenders.—And if in caſe it ſhall ſo happen to fall out by chance, that any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, either male or female, ſhall offend in any inſtance or inſtances above-mentioned, and who ſhall be unable to pay the above Penalty, together with the coſt and charges thereunto annexed; then and in every ſuch caſe or caſes, it ſhall and may be lawful to puniſh the Perſon or Perſons ſo offending, by being whipped at the publick whipping-poſt, not exceeding ten ſtripes, be ſet in the ſtocks one hour, or to be impriſoned not exceeding three months, or until the full and juſt ſum, penalty or fine of FOUR DOLLARS, or TWENTY-FOUR SHILLINGS ſhall be fully paid, diſcharged and ſatisfied to all intents, conſtructions and purpoſes whatſoever: All the above fines, forfeitures, penalties, impriſonments, puniſhments or inflictions whatſoever to be entirely at the diſcretion of my *worſhipful* SELF, if tranſacted within the limits or juriſdiction of the city of *Boſtonia*, or within the limits and juriſdiction of the County of *Somefolks*; Or any other *worſhipful* MAGISTRATE or JUSTICE within the other Counties who are by the ſame Law, Statute, Ordinance or Regulation, fully impowered, directed and enjoined to take Cognizance of every ſuch matter or offence, and try and puniſh the ſame, as they, in their great wiſdom, ſhall ſee cauſe."

[We are obliged to omit a curious Fee-Bill.]

BOSTON, OCTOBER 22.

On Wedneſday laſt the GREAT and GENERAL COURT for this Commonwealth began their Seſſions in this Town:—And as it is expected many important Matters will come before that HONOURABLE BODY relating to the MANUFACTURING and TRADING INTEREST of this COUNTRY, in the preſent critical Situation of our Publick Affairs, we ſincerely hope our POLITICAL FATHERS and GUARDIANS will be guided and directed by the unerring Wiſdom of *HIM*, "*by whom Kings reign and* "*Princes decree Juſtice.*"

Monday laſt arrived here the Brig Hope, Capt. Fellows; and on Wedneſday, the ſhip Boſton-Packet, Capt. Lyde, in eight Weeks from London.—[We have no Room in this Number for London Intelligence, brought by the above Veſſel.]

In Capt. Lyde came Paſſengers, Mr. Samuel Gardiner, Mr. William Knox, Mr. Richard Hunnawel, Mr. William Gardiner, Son of John Gardiner, Eſq; Mr. Lee, Brother to Mr. Thomas Lee, of Cambridge and Mr. and Mrs. Glaſsbrook, of London.

DIED.] At Penobſcot, Mr. FRANCIS ARCHIBALD, Æt. 33:—Formerly of this Town.

We have been favoured with the following from the Reſpectable ASSOCIATION *of* TRADESMEN *and* MANUFACTURERS, *and agreeable to our Promiſe, in the third page, we readily inſert them: Any other of their Proceedings will be inſerted in our View, if not exceeding five pages of this Work, otherwiſe they will be continued:—as we intend to publiſh, (if we can obtain a Copy,) a general Account of the Proceedings of the reſpective* ASSOCIATIONS *of* TRADESMEN, MANUFACTURERS, MERCHANTS *and* MARINE SOCIETY, *throughout this* Commonwealth.

BOSTON, October 5.

PROCEEDINGS *of the* TRADESMEN, MANUFACTURERS *and* MERCHANTS *of* BOSTON.

LAST Monday Evening, the ASSOCIATION of the TRADESMEN and MANUFACTURERS of the Town of *Boſton*, met at the Green-Dragon, when the following VOTES where paſſed UNANIMOUSLY.

Whereas this ASSOCIATION being greatly intereſted in the late Act of this Commonwealth, entituled, "An Act for the encouragement of "our own MANUFACTURES," &c. and conceiving the GOOD PURPOSES intended on a ſtrict compliance with, and due execution of the ſame: Therefore,

VOTED, That this ASSOCIATION do conſider all Perſons, who ſhall in any manner counteract, or endeavour to weaken the operation of the Act aforeſaid, as ENEMIES TO THE MANUFACTURING INTEREST OF THIS COUNTRY.

As by the late Act "for the encouragement of "our own MANUFACTURES," the SELECTMEN are directed to appoint ſuitable Perſons to give notice of any breach within their *Cognizance*.

VOTED, That this ASSOCIATION will give to ſuch Perſons (as may be appointed) every aſſiſtance and ſupport in the execution of their office.

The ASSOCIATION having noticed in the Publick Prints, the Patriotick Debates of their Brethren in *Charleſton, South-Carolina* and wiſhing to promote a friendly connection with ſuch warm Advocates for the MANUFACTURING INTEREST of this Country; directed their ſtanding Committee to forward one of their Circular Letters to the Chairman of the Committee of *Charleſton*, requeſting him to lay it before that reſpectable BODY.—[We have not received the Marine Petition to the General Aſſembly.]

BOSTON, OCTOBER 13, 1785.

By the Brig Zephyr, *Capt.* Lee, *arrived here in fifty days from* L'Orient, *we have received the following intereſting and important Intelligence.*

Copy of a letter from the Conſuls of Nantz, to the GENTLEMEN, *Conſuls of* L'Orient.

WE annex to this the copy of a letter that we received from Mr. Deſoulange, by which he informs us that the Algerines have declared war againſt the United States of America, and that they are fitting out eight ſhips to take the American veſſels; we requeſt of you, Gentlemen, to impart this intelligence to the Captains of that nation who may now be in your harbour, in order for them to take ſuch meaſures as to avoid falling into the hands of thoſe pirates.

We have the honour to be, &c.

Copy Mr. Deſoulange's *Letter to the Conſuls at* Nantz.

GENTLEMEN, Toulon, *July* 14, 1785.

COMMODORE De Ligondes, who arrived from Algiers, on board the La Minerva frigate, of which he has the command, has brought me intelligence that ſaid State was fitting out eight ſhips, both xbeques and barks, from 18 to 34 guns, deſigned to cruize from Cape-St. Vincent to the Weſtern Iſles, in order to take the Americans, againſt whom they have declared war; I ſend you immediate advice therefore, Gentlemen, both for your own intereſt, and to requeſt you will give inſtant advice of this to the American Captains.

The Algerines have another diviſion of four veſſels, but too ſmall to occaſion any uneaſineſs.

WANTS EMPLOY,

To tend a Store or keep Merchants Books,

A Perſon who can write a good hand, is well acquainted with Merchants' Accompts of every kind, and can be well recommended. Enq. at Ruſſell's Office, Lib. Squ.

WANTED,

As an Apprentice to a good Trade,

A Boy of about 13 or 14 years of age.

Enquire at Ruſſell's Office, Liberty-Square.

Now in the Preſs,

At E. RUSSELL's OFFICE, LIBERTY-SQUARE, and in a few Days will be publiſhed, and ready for Sale to Bookſellers, Shopkeepers, Travelling-Traders and others, either by Wholeſale or Retail.—Large Allowance will be made to thoſe Cuſtomers who are ſo kind as to purchaſe either by the Thouſand, Hundred, Groſs or Dozen.

BICKERSTAFF's
GENUINE
BOSTON ALMANACK,
For the Year of our REDEMPTION,
1786.

Being the Second after Leap-Year, and Tenth of American INDEPENDENCY.

Fitted for the Meridian of BOSTON, Lt. 42. 25 N.

☞ The above WORK will contain every thing neceſſary: Together with a Number of agreeable and entertaining Pieces in Proſe and Verſe; and will be curiouſly ornamented with fifteen Plates, one of which is a ſtrange, wonderful, remarkable and unheard-of *Eaſt-India* SEA-TURTLE, lately diſcovered on a Voyage to thoſe Parts; which tremendouſly huge and ſurprizing SEA-MONSTER carried four Men on his Back, travelled with his uſual Pace and weighed upwards of Sixteen Hundred Weight.—A true, particular and exact Account of this very extraordinary and over-grown SEA-ANIMAL will be annexed to the Plate.

*** The Publick would do well to enquire for BICKERSTAFF's GENUINE ALMANACK that has Plates at the Head of every Kalendar Month, with a Plate and Deſcription of the enormous and monſtrous *Eaſt-India* SEA-TURTLE in it; as many of our kind and good Cuſtomers were groſly impoſed upon by purchaſing a falſe, ſpurious and counterfeit BICKERSTAFF's ALMANACK for 1785, with many Errors therein, both in reſpect to the COURTS as of the TIDE-TABLE, &c.—The famous Sir ISAAC BICKERSTAFF will be in the Title-Page of the GENUINE BICKERSTAFF's ALMANACK.

The PUBLICK may depend that the greateſt Care will be taken to have the COURTS, ROADS, &c. as correct as poſſible, and even much correcter than the immaculate and all-correct MASSACHUSETS-REGISTER itſelf; for even that, we are credibly informed, occaſioned the loſs of ſeveral hundred dollars to the Commonwealth laſt year, on account of an Error, among others, in the COURTS for the *County* of *Berkſhire*: Yet, notwithſtanding which, the very curious and ingenuous P.....rs of which have, (behind the Curtain) not many months ſince, made a *Cats-Paw* of our kind and *accurate* Brothers EDES and SON. who were *pleaſed* in their great Wiſdom and ſupreme kindneſs to announce to the World, in their CHASTE, CORRECT, VERY POPULAR and HIGHLY-ESTEEMED GAZETTE, the PRETENDED ERRORS of the COURTS in our laſt Years ALMANACK; but they happened to be only PRETENDED ONES, as the COURTS were all carefully examined, corrected and reviſed by two GENTLEMEN who are eminently ſkilled in the LAW, previous to its Publication.

†‡† At the ſame Place may be had, the Bloody Regiſter, No. I. II, and III. containing a true and compleat Hiſtory of the Lives, laſt Words and dying Confeſſions of ſix of the moſt noted Criminals [illegible] have ever made their exit in America, viz. Richard Barrick, John Sullivan, Alexander White, John Dixon, Thomas Archibald and William Cott.—Alſo, juſt publiſhed at the above Place, the eighth Edition of a very entertaining and remarkable Pamphlet, entitled, the Miniſter preaching his own Funeral Sermon: Being a moſt awful and ſolemn Warning from Heaven to all vile Sinners on Earth. With a particular Relation of many ſtrange, wonderful and ſurpriſing Things ſeen by the Rev. Mr. THOMAS CHAMBERLAIN, in a Viſion juſt before his Deceaſe, the preciſe Time of which was ſhewn unto him.

A Number of excellent SPIRITUAL SONGS are in the Preſs, and will be publiſhed as ſoon as poſſible.

A Warrant is iſſued for a Town-Meeting on Wedneſday next, being the 26th Inſt. 10 o'clock forenoon—to conſider the important queſtion, Whether this Town will petition the General Court to be incorporated with City Privileges.

☞ *A Piece ſigned* "WATCHMAN," *relating to* Manufactures, *came too late for this Number, but will be noticed in our next.*

*** *We thank an* Eaſtern Friend *and* Correſpondent *for a Piece on the* Proſperity *of the* Cod-Fiſhery *in thoſe Parts; but as the laſt ſheet was juſt going to the Preſs, it could not poſſibly be inſerted in this Number: It ſhall be inſerted in our next, as it will (agreeable to our Deſign in undertaking this Work) ever afford us peculiar ſatisfaction in giving the kind* Readers *and* Promoters *of the* Republican Magazine *every information we ſhall think may, in the ſmalleſt degree, tend to ſerve either the* MANUFACTURING, TRADING *or* FISHING INTEREST *of* AMERICA *in general, but this* COMMONWEALTH *in* particular.

JOSEPH JACKSON,
AT THE SIGN OF THE SUN,

HAS juſt opened a PUBLICK HOUSE, in UNION-STREET near the Market; where he would be much obliged to FRIENDS and the Publick in general who may be pleaſed to favour him with their Cuſtom. They may depend on the beſt Uſage and all favours gratefully acknowledged by their humble Servant, J. J.

WHEREAS by the Death of Captain NATHANIEL DAVIS, the Co-Partnerſhip of JOSHUA FARRINGTON and COMPANY, is diſſolved: ——All Perſons having Accompts open with ſaid COMPANY, are deſired to exhibit them for Settlement to

JOSHUA FARRINGTON,

No. 47, Long-Wharf, or at his Store, South End: Where are for Sale, an Aſſortment of

WEST-INDIA GOODS.

BALLARD & BULFINCH,

Beg leave to inform the PUBLICK, and particularly the Ladies and Gentlemen of this Town,—

THAT they have furniſhed themſelves with an elegant COACH, and a handſome Pair of HORSES, which they purpoſe ſhall ſtand in STATE-STREET, and wait the Commands of any Perſons that wiſh to be carried to any Part of the Town, from ſeven o'Clock in the Morning, until nine at Night, at the moderate Price of one Shilling and four Pence for each Paſſenger. The Coach is not to be detained at any Place above five Minutes, unleſs paid for. Said Coach will run after nine at Night; but it is expected an Allowance will be made, according to the Time it is called for after that Hour.

Said BALLARD and BULFINCH purpoſe to keep a handſome CHAISE for the above Buſineſs and at the ſame Hours, for one Shilling each Paſſenger; both Carriages to be drove by approved Drivers.

Horſes and Carriages of all Sorts to be let by ſaid BALLARD, at his Houſe in Bromfield's-Lane. Very eaſy-going Horſes furniſhed for LADIES. Chaiſe and Sulkies without Horſes. Horſes taken in at Livery on the moſt reaſonable Terms.

☞ LETTERS carried to any Part of the Continent on moderate Terms.

BOSTON, October, 1785.

WANTED,

A Convenient Dwelling-Houſe near the Centre of the Town.

Enquire at Ruſſell's Office, Liberty-Square.